1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9.	Madhya Pradesh	273.25	43.18	3.67	0.00	
10.	Maharashtra	130.63	92.33	743.17	1366.51	
11.	Meghalaya	0.95	0.40	1.16	0.22	
12.	Orissa	467.30	116.85	902.03	759.30	
13.	Tamil Nadu	306.92	1244.87	184.43	54.56	
14.	Tripura	0.00	0.00	0.45	0.00	
15.	West Bengal	53.32	120.22	130.05	0.00	
16.	A & N Islands	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
17.	Pondicherry	1.10	42.78	0.00	0.00	
	Total	5095.50	18825.29	5446.19	13199.32	

*Claims for the year 1996-97 shall be known after the receipt of yield data.

Forecasting Information to Fishermen

3697. SHRIMATI SHEELA GAUTAM :
SHRI RAMESHWAR PATIDAR :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to forecast information to the fishermen about the natural calamities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government to save the fishermen from the natural calamities?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) to (c) The India Meteorological Department issues Fishermen's Bulletins regularly four times a day through All India Radio for broadcast in regional languages. During cyclone or depression, these bulletins contain information about (i) its position and direction of movement, (ii) the associate weather in respect of strong winds and state of the sea and (iii) advice to the fishermen not to venture into the sea. Fishermen are also advised during the monsoon season not to venture into the sea as and when there is likelihood of strong winds exceeding 45 kmph, squally weather, gale and very rough sea.

A pilot project for installing shore to boat communication system on fishing vessels, safety equipment, life saving devices and out-board motors for selected beneficiaries have been recently approved for implementation in East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh with the assistance of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations.

The Department of Ocean Development has also taken up a scheme on Shore to Fishing Vessel Communication System for implementation during the Eighth plan period onwards for demonstrating the usefulness of communication technology for safety of fishermen at sea.

[English]

Kaziranga Wildlife Sanctuary

3698. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether eighty one rhinos were killed during 1995 and 1996 in Kaziranga wildlife sanctuary by the poachers;

(b) if so, the reasons for not protecting the lives of the wildlife animals in the sanctuary;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this direction; and

(d) the details of other wildlife animals killed by the poachers died of natural deaths in the last three years in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (PROF. SAIFUDDIN SOZ): (a) During 1995 and 1996, 53 rhinos are reported to have been killed by poachers in Kaziranga, which is a National Park.

(b) and (c) According to the State Government a large number of protection camps have been established and regular day and night patrolling is undertaken through armed Home Guards and departmental staff. The use of wireless communication, boats and vehicles as well as gathering of intelligence by payment of incentives to informers are the other strategies adopted for dealing with the poaching problem in the national park.

(d) Information on wild animals which die due to natural causes is not compiled and collated in this Ministry. However, information received from various States and UTs on the number of poaching cases detected during the last three years is given as statement.

Statement

Poaching Cases

S.No.	Name of the State	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	18	40	50
2.	Assam*	76	34	48
3.	Bihar	48	03	NA
4	Goa	01	09	01
5.	Haryana	842	533	287
6.	Himachal Pradesh	04	06	04
7.	Kerala*	164	207	35
8.	Maharashtra	108	99	102
9.	Manipur	01	01	08
10.	Meghalaya	02	05	08
11.	Mizoram	07	15	26
12.	Nagaland	Nil	Nil	01
13.	Orissa	96	103	NA
14.	Punjab	369	368	247
15.	Tamil Nadu	23	30	21
16.	Rajasthan	75	82	107
17.	Sikkim	Nil	Nil	Nil
18.	Tripura	01	Nil	01
19.	Uttar Pradesh*	788	583	255
20.	West Bengal	07	05	06
Union Territories				
	Chandigarh	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Daman & Diu	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Delhi*	20	33	61
	Pondicherry	Nil	Nil	Nil
	Total	2650	2156	1268

*As per Calender Year.

Illegal Shipping of Emigrants

3699. SHRI BIJOY HANDIQUE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the racket of organizing illegal shipping of emigrants from India to Europe has been busted recently;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken up the matter with the Government of Greece to ascertain facts in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) The incident of illegal shipping of emigrants from India to Europe came to light on the basis of a drowning accident of around 170 Indian youths in the high seas in the Malta-Sicily Channel on the night intervening 24th/25th December, 1996. The investigation of the case was handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation vide FIR dated 17.1.97. Based on the version given by the 22 Indian survivors of the accident who arrived at Sahar Airport, Mumbai, on 27.1.97, the CBI proceeded further in the matter. As a result of CBI's investigation, 13 persons have been arrested so far in this case. According to information furnished by the Ministry of External Affairs, our mission in Athens had got in touch with the Greek Government who extended their cooperation which included an interview by our Ambassador with the survivors which had also helped CBI to get in touch with Interpol to examine into all other aspects of the